

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 20, 2009

Present: Mayor Christopher Sanders, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustees Joan Gussow, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart-Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Trustee Fred Devan

Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Ivan Szendro would like to maintain the relationship with the sister-village in Hungary by way of very humble mythology festivals in Piermont. He is currently considering June 21, 2010 and Dec. 21, 2010, would be called "Piermont - Legend of You" and sites might include the Pier, the Mine Hole and possibly the Drawbridge.

Mayor Sanders would like some time to read the materials further and discuss it further at another meeting.

Bob Samuels – the abandoned house across the creek from 190 Ferdon Avenue needs the Building Inspector's attention. The Clerk will advise the Building Inspector.

Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement for EMT training by the Rockland County Department of Health at the Fire House beginning October 20, 2009. Trustee Gussow made a motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement with the County. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1020-09

Village of Piermont

WHEREAS, a citizens group has approached the Village Board with the concept of constructing and monitoring a dog run on Village owned land within the Village of Piermont;

WHEREAS, the Village Board feels that providing a dog run for use by Village residents would promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, the Village Board has examined several locations for the proposed dog run, and the site as depicted on the attached photographs appears to be workable location, as it is not presently being utilized for any other purpose by the Village;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has held several public meetings relative to the dog run proposal, at which the concerns of Piermont residents, emergency service workers, and the Village Board regarding the proposal were discussed in detail;

WHEREAS, the Piermont Village Board has previously resolved to declare itself lead agency for the purpose of a SEQRA review of the proposal;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees undertakes an initial SEQRA review of the proposal to establish a dog run and finds as follows:

1. That the proposed action subject to SEQRA (NYCRR 617.6 (a) (1)(i)
2. That the proposal does not involve a Federal agency (NYCRR 617.6 (a)(1)(ii)
3. That the proposal does not involve one or more other agencies (NYCRR 617.6 (a) (1) (iii); since an "involved agency" is defined by NYCRR 617.2 (s) as an agency that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.
4. That the proposal has a preliminary classification as a "Type II" action which may be exempt from further SEQRA review.
5. That the proposed dog run is not located within an agricultural district (NYCRR 617.6 (a)(6).
6. That the proposal to construct a dog run in the Village of Piermont as a "Type II" action under SEQRA and not subject to any further review relative to the environmental significance of the action. NYCRR 617.5 (15).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approved the concept and location of the dog run as show on the attached photograph, on the condition that the proposed dog run be constructed at no cost to the Village.

Mayor Sanders said that he had questions as to how this would be monitored, funded and regulated as well as can the use be limited to Piermont residents. The resolution puts the basics in place and allows the citizen group to move on. The Mayor asked the attorney if this is set up as an organization, could the bylaws include a clause for residents only and the reply was yes.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the resolution on the condition that the proposed dog run be constructed at no cost to the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

2010 Assessments will be reviewed at a public hearing scheduled for November 10, 2009 during which copies will be available.

Trustee Devan had previously suggested providing a list of certified licensed appraisers and grievance forms which are all necessary tools for residents to grieve their taxes.

Walter Sevastian, Village Attorney, advised that Brian Kenney could provide a list of appraisers.

Richie Stark would like to post all available information including the Assessment numbers as soon as possible. The Mayor will provide the numbers in a PDF file.

Mayor Sanders has requested that Brian Kenney join the Board for the Public Hearing. The Village Clerk will contact Mr. Kenney to inquire about notices being sent out to residents.

The Building Inspector was hired on a Probationary basis from March 30 to September 28, 2009. The Building Inspector is now a permanent employee, as confirmed by R.C. Personnel, and a new Terms of Employment will be prepared by the Mayor for his signature.

The Deputy Clerk's position is available in the Clerk's office and the Clerk was authorized by the Mayor to proceed with a Journal News ad.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$71,323.67. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Highway Supervisor Tom Temple advised the Board that he needed to hire a part time employee to continue on as full time in June. The Mayor and Trustee Blomquist will meet to discuss the numbers and will advise Mr. Temple by the end of next week.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.